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Police*Conveyance allowances to Police Inspectors.*

* 1031 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the travelling allowance per day sanctioned for the Inspectors and the Sub-Inspectors of Police ;

(b) whether they are bound to maintain a double-bullock cart or a horse or a bicycle and whether they are granted on that account a fixed conveyance allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem ;

(c) whether, on the days on which they tour, their proportionate fixed conveyance allowance for the day is deducted from their daily travelling allowance ; and

(d) if so, what is the principle on which this deduction is made ?

A.—(a) The following statement gives the rates of daily allowance admissible to Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors of Police :—

					Daily allowance.	
Sub-Inspectors—					RS.	A.
Fifth grade	...	...	...	...	0	12
Fourth „	...	...	...	...	1	0
Third „	...	...	...	...	1	4
Second „	...	...	...	...	1	8
First „	...	...	...	...	1	8
Inspectors—						
Third class	...	...	...	...	2	0
Second „	...	...	...	...	2	8
First „	...	...	...	...	3	0

(b) All circle inspectors other than those of the Railway Police and those in East Godavari and Coimbatore districts and all sub-inspectors other than prosecuting, reader, railway police sub-inspectors and those in East Godavari and Coimbatore districts are each required to maintain a suitable and serviceable conveyance. A circle inspector may keep a horse or a motor-cycle or a double-bullock cart or a boat and a sub-inspector a horse or a motor cycle or a double-bullock cart or a boat or an ordinary cycle according to the orders of the Deputy Inspector-General of Police who decides in each case the type of conveyance most suitable for the charge or locality. The permission of the Inspector-General is necessary for a circle inspector to keep an ordinary cycle. The conveyance allowance for the maintenance of a cycle is Rs. 5 per mensem and for any other of the conveyances mentioned above, Rs. 25 per mensem. In the East Godavari and Coimbatore districts these conveyance allowances have been abolished with effect from 1st April 1929 and travelling allowance under the ordinary travelling allowance rules allowed as an experimental measure. The Government await the Inspector-General's report on the working of the experiment.

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(c) Yes, with reference to rule 19 (2) of the Madras Special Pay and Allowance Rules.

(d) The conveyance allowance is intended to cover all the journeys within a specified area. If, therefore, an officer tours outside the area, the reason for which the conveyance allowance is given no longer holds. Thus the officer draws the conveyance allowance for journeys within the specified area and ordinary travelling allowance or conveyance allowance at his option for journeys outside it: he does not draw both.

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" May I know whether the daily allowance is the same as conveyance allowance ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think so, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" In answer to clause (b), it is stated that the sub-inspectors of police and the circle inspectors when on tour outside the specified area are not to be paid conveyance allowance. The conveyance maintained by them is either a horse or a motor cycle or a double-bullock cart. Now, if conveyance allowance is not paid to them on the particular day on which they are touring outside the area, is it on the assumption that the individual does not maintain the conveyance on that day ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Conveyance allowance is not paid because he draws travelling allowance."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" I beg your pardon, Mr. President. He draws travelling allowance when he goes outside the specified area either in motor bus or in railway train. Nevertheless, the conveyance which he keeps, the horse or the bullocks, must be maintained just the same. Does not the Government concede that point ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Will the Government then consider the question of paying conveyance allowance to these officers even when touring outside the area ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no objection to consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" May I know whether within these rates of 12 annas to Rs. 1-8-0 for sub-inspectors and Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 for inspectors they would be required to supply themselves with food and other necessities of life when they go out ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" Then, what is the reason for deducting the conveyance allowance when they go outside the area ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have already said, the Government will consider the question."